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Chief Executive Officer

August 14, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR EAST LOS ANGELES,  
CITY OF INDUSTRY, POMONA, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, ACTON, AGUA DULCE,  
CASTAIC, CLAREMONT, LAKE HUGHES, PASADENA, PINE CANYON, SOLEDAD  
CANYON, AND VAL VERDE  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction and maintenance service contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. RDC0014652 - Turnbull Canyon Road, et al., for the reconstruction of roadway pavement and modification of traffic signals, vicinity of City of Industry (1 and 4), to All American Asphalt, in amount of \$1,035,709.00.
- Project ID No. RMD1446017 - Parkway Tree Trimming - Fast Growth, RD 416, FY 2006-07, trimming and removal of parkway trees, vicinity of Hacienda Heights (4), to George Salinas Tree Preservation, in amount of \$144,278.00.

Board of Supervisors  
**GLORIA MOLINA**  
First District

**YVONNE B. BURKE**  
Second District

**ZEV YAROSLAVSKY**  
Third District

**DON KNABE**  
Fourth District

**MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH**  
Fifth District

- Project ID No. RMD5546112 - Parkway Tree Trimming and Removal, Road Divisions 553 A and C and 556 A, C, and D, FY 2006-07, trimming and removal of parkway trees, vicinities of Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Pine Canyon, Soledad Canyon, and Val Verde (5), to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., in amount of \$451,290.00.
- Project ID No. SMDACO0106 - McBride Avenue, et al., Sanitary Sewers, lining of existing sanitary sewers, vicinity of East Los Angeles (1), to RePipe-California, Inc., in amount of \$382,840.00.
- Project ID No. TSM0010166 - Del Mar Boulevard, et al., modification and synchronization of traffic signals, City of Pasadena (5), to C. T. & F., Inc., in amount of \$1,597,943.25.
- Project ID No. TSM0010167 - Irwindale Avenue, et al., modification and synchronization of traffic signals, vicinities of Pomona and Claremont (1 and 5), to Terno, Inc., in amount of \$1,204,228.00.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain Board approval to award these construction and maintenance service contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The attachment for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also attached.

The recommended construction and maintenance service contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Department of Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The attachment for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Department of Public Works Budget. The attachment for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

The Department of Public Works has also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on their projects. Under this program, notices of upcoming bids are placed in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Department of Public Works. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. They also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with the Department of Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. The Department of Public Works will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the attachment for each project.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

The Department of Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunities for Work (GROW) Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

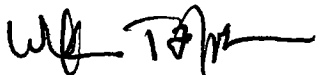
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance service contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (6)

c: County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 14, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014652, TURNBULL CANYON ROAD, ET AL., (vicinity of City of Industry), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction and resurfacing of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter and sidewalk; installation of striping and pavement markings; modification of traffic signals; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 29, 2007 (Agenda No. 78)

BID OPENING DATE: June 26, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	All American Asphalt, a corporation P.O. Box 2229 Corona, California 92878-2229 (951) 736-7600	\$1,035,709.00
2	Sequel Contractors, Inc.	\$1,078,013.65
3	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$1,132,956.59
4	Excel Paving Company	\$1,314,380.62
5	Terra Pave, Inc.	\$1,375,274.57
6	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$1,402,546.35
7	Hardy and Harper, Inc.	\$1,796,584.99

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,602,238.40
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,035,709.00
Amount of recommended below estimate	\$ 566,529.40

The amount of the recommended contract is 35 percent below the estimate.

A portion of this project is within the City of Industry. County-City Cooperative Agreement No. 75450 provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost.

This project will also be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of qualifying road improvement projects.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund and the Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

All American Asphalt has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a MWBE participation of 5.1 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 29, 2007, Agenda No. 78, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 90 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2007 and be completed in February 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 14, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD1446017, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING - FAST GROWTH,  
RD 416, FY 2006-07 (in the vicinity of Hacienda Heights), Supervisorial District 4

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 29, 2007 (Agenda No. 78)

BID OPENING DATE: June 26, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*George Salinas, an individual dba George Salinas Tree Preservation P. O. Box 141 Placentia, California 92871-0141 (714) 528-9828	\$144,278.00
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$159,708.00
3	+*Orozco Landscape and Tree Co.	\$214,260.00
4	West Coast Arborists, Inc.	\$249,855.00
	*MWBE	
	+LSBE	

Asplundh Tree Expert Co. submitted a bid in the amount of \$187,675.18; however, they did not submit a bid bond. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$175,290.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$144,278.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 31,012.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

George Salinas Tree Preservation, an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 29, 2007, Agenda No. 78, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October and be completed in December 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 14, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. RMD5546112, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING AND REMOVAL, ROAD DIVISIONS 553 A AND C AND 556 A, C, AND D, FY 2006-07 (in the vicinities of Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, Lake Hughes, Pine Canyon, Soledad Canyon, and Val Verde), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 5, 2006 (Agenda No. 68)

BID OPENING DATE: January 9, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*+Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., a corporation 3580 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1440 Los Angeles, California 90010 (213) 386-2003	\$451,290.00
2	TruGreen LandCare	\$683,052.00
3	Tip Top Arborists, Inc	\$999,043.00

\*LSBE  
+MWBE

Funds for the work of this contract were redirected to projects with higher priority resulting in the delay of award of more than 90 calendar days. Funds for this project are now available. The low bidder, Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., has agreed to perform the work of this contract at their low bid amount. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., for \$451,290.00.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$501,805.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$451,290.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 50,515.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Grace Building Maintenance Co., Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On December 5, 2006, Agenda No. 68, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2007 and be completed in February 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. SMDACO0106, MCBRIDE AVENUE, ET AL., SANITARY SEWERS  
(in the vicinity of East Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning, video inspection, and lining of existing 8-inch sanitary sewers and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS: June 5, 2007 (Agenda No. 61)

BID OPENING: July 3, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	RePipe-California, Inc., a corporation 5525 East Gibraltar Street Ontario, CA 91764 (909) 291-4050	\$382,840.00
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2	Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.	\$596,522.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$607,360.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$382,840.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$224,520.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 37 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

RePipe-California, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 5, 2007, Agenda No. 61, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2007 and be completed in January 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010166, DEL MAR BOULEVARD, ET AL. (City of Pasadena),  
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 15, 2007 (Agenda No. 50)

BID OPENING DATE: June 12, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*C. T. & F., Inc., a corporation 7228 Scout Avenue Bell Gardens, California 90201-4998 (562) 927-2339	\$1,597,943.25
2	Terno, Inc.	\$1,598,083.00
3	Dynalectric	\$1,700,700.00
4	Comet Electric, Inc.	\$1,725,265.00
5	M S L Electric, Inc.	\$1,769,873.00
6	*Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$1,853,805.00

\*MWBE

Christopher R. Morales, Inc., was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$1,361,354.25; however, Christopher R. Morales requested that its bid be withdrawn due to a clerical error in the bid computation. Our review confirmed that a clerical error had been made and that Christopher R. Morales should be relieved of its bid proposal. Therefore, under Section 5103 of the Public Contract Code, Christopher R. Morales was relieved of its bid, and we recommend award of the contract to the next lowest, responsible bidder.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,595,740.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,597,943.25
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 2,203.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 0.1 percent above the estimate.

This project is financed with Los Angeles County MTA 1999 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the San Gabriel Valley Forum Improvement project and County matching funds. Funding for construction is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

C. T. & F., Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 15, 2007, Agenda No. 50, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days; however, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore it is estimated the work will start in November 2007 and be completed in March 2008.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
August 14, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010167, IRWINDALE AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Pomona and Claremont), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 29, 2007 (Agenda No. 78)

BID OPENING DATE: June 26, 2007

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Terno, Inc., a corporation 15701 Heron Avenue La Mirada, California 90638 (714) 228-9631	\$1,204,228.00
2	*Pro Tech Engineering Corp.	\$1,225,673.00
3	*Highlight Electric, Inc.	\$1,259,999.20
4	CSI Electrical Contractors, Inc.	\$1,296,645.30
5	M S L Electric, Inc.	\$1,308,718.00
6	*C. T. & F., Inc.	\$1,356,222.15
7	Dynalectric	\$1,448,400.00
8	Comet Electric, Inc.	\$1,471,200.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,285,307.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,204,228.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 81,079.00

This amount of the recommended contract is 6.3 percent below the estimate.

This project is financed with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 1999 Call for Projects Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the San Gabriel Valley Forum Improvement project and County matching funds. Funding for construction is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Terno, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 29, 2007, Agenda No. 78, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. However, an additional 120 calendar days are required for the contractor to obtain the necessary equipment and materials. Therefore it is estimated the work will start in November 2007 and be completed in March 2008.

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